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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION ON CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS

1. THE CYPRUS SITUATION CONTINUED THIS WEEKEND TO DOMINATE EDITORIALS AND COMMENTARY IN THE TURKISH PRESS. THOUGH DIVERSE ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS SITUATION WERE CHOSEN FOR COMMENT, THERE WAS NO DIRECT CRITICISM NOTED OF ANY ASPECT OF TURKEY'S CONDUCT.

2. SEVERAL COMMENTARIES IN WEEKEND EDITIONS ECHO THE POINT MADE LAST FRIDAY BY PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT THAT TURKEY'S MILITARY ACTIVITIES WERE DESIGNED TO MEET LIMITED AND WELL DEFINED OBJECTIVES. OTHERS BLAME GREECE AND BRITAIN FOR FORCING TURKEY TO RESORT TO ARMS TO GET WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO HER AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE. ALTAN OYMEN, WRITING IN CUMHURIYET, ASSERTS THAT THE BRITISH ARE ALSO TO BLAME FOR NOT HAVING TAKEN MEASURES IN THE FACE OF ABUSES OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY ON CYPRUS OVER THE LAST 11 YEARS.

3. IN MONDAY PAPERS, ALLEGED FRENCH SUPPORT OF GREECE IS CONDEMNED BY ABDI IPEKCI WRITING IN MILLIYET. IPEKCI
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DECLARED THAT THE FRENCH ARE MOTIVATED BY ECONOMIC

CONSIDERATIONS BUT THE REAL PRICE OF THE FRENCH ATTITUDE
WILL BE PAID FOR IN THE COIN OF FRENCH-TURKISH RELATIONS.

4. IN CONTRST, UNITED STATES BEHAVIOR IN THE CYPRUS
SITUATION WAS APPLAUDED IN SOME MONDAY EDITIONS. WRITING
IN CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN, ERGUN GOZE DECLARED THAT THE
U.S. FOLLOWED THE 'WISEST' POLICY AMONG THE WESTERN POWERS.
DESPITE THE OPIUM ISSUE, GOZE SAID, THE U.S. TOOK TURKEY'S
SIDE BECAUSE SHE REALIZED TURKEY'S IMPORTANCE RELATIVE
TO GREECE. SIMILARLY, WRITING IN LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURIYET,
DENIZ SAVUN SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS CORRECTLY
UNDERSTOOD THE TURKISH POINT OF VIEW AND MUST NOW
COMMUNICATE THAT UNDERSTANDING TO ENGLAND AND THE SOVIET
UNION.
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